

Small Group Discussion Questions

Allendale County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- All initiatives that work with Early Childhood population
 - Dental Clinic
 - Adult Education
 - Healthy Learners
 - Little New Steps
 - 1st Steps
 - Boys & Girls Club
- New Industry/Workforce training introduced locally
- Expansion of programs at USC-Salk
 - Nursing
 - New Technology Program
 - Teacher Program
 - Youth Leadership program
- 21st Century Community Learning Center
- Ameri-Corp
- Community Groups
 - Heart to Heart
 - M. Lott Computer Training
- County library teen action group
- Clemson Extension
- Teacher sign-on bonus
- PTA-SIC
- Parent Involvement Initiative-Workshops, and conferences
- Using SCSBA to assist in new superintendent search
- Career Counselor at AFMS
- Men Mentoring Young Program
- Homework center
- Gear-Up 7th-12th graders
- Low Country Health Start (Teen Pregnancy Prevention)
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What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Funding
- Poverty
- Apathy
- Personnel
- Teacher Housing
- Teacher moral
- Increased parental involvement
- Negative perception that locals and others have about the schools
- Lack of hope that anything can change
- Transportation
- Teen pregnancy
- Substance abuse
- Gangs growth
- Gang activities
- Gang want-to-be's
- Behavior/Discipline

- Lack of quality of life
- Lack of amenities to attract and retain quality teachers
- Allendale-Fairfax rival
- Nothing to do in the community
- No recreational facility
- Parental education levels
- School building funding
- No community centers
- Racial divide
- Low teacher pay scale
- People not feeling wanted
- Lack of jobs
- Lack of quality teachers
- Isolation
- Lack of professionalism
- Attitude

List the 5 most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Involvement
- Find a way to connect community and education system
- Build trust between schools, parents and community
- Being innovative and creative to address concerns working on partnerships
- Educate the community on how to be involved
- Develop more mentoring programs
- Collaborate with chamber of commerce and economic boards of the state
- Work Force investments grant
- Work with state agencies for grants

List the 5 most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.